

Extracurricular Course in Wine

By Naomi Barry

PARIS, March 10.—"Would you say this wine is a little too young for us?" asked student Marilyn Swift, as she pulled a few drops of Savigny-le-Bonne around her tongue. The kids were on their sixth bottle. It was only the second lesson and group tolerance was still low.

"To say it was the other way around," said Jon Winroth, the instructor in oenology. Struck with disappointment, he poured himself another half glass. As far as he was concerned, the Savigny-le-Bonne was the summit of the session.

Wine appreciation is one of the extracurricular courses offered by A.Y.A. (Academic Year Abroad), a program for 55 American college students who stay with French families while attending French institutes of higher learning.

The four girls and two boys in the class were taking on-the-spot training among the cellars and casks of Le Rallie, a really super-café at 6 Rue Dauguesse.

Galped by All

Opening gambit was a Quincy '67, sufficiently bland to be uncomplainingly gulped by all. Winroth introduced a Pouilly Fumé as a bit of one-upmanship.

"A short while ago, it was not so well known, but lately it has been coming up a lot. It was a favorite with Marie-Antoinette and Napoleon. Notice the characteristic taste of the soil and a certain smokiness. A lot of people get it mixed up with Pouilly Fuisse, which comes from Burgundy near Macon. The Fumé is a Loire wine."

"If Marie-Antoinette and Napoleon drank it, why is it just coming up?" asked Russell Kelly, who described himself as having "a crummy tongue. I can't tell one wine from another."

"Here's where you separate the sheep from the goats," ex-



Bernard Férat at work.

plained Winroth. "This one stays in the mouth for quite a while."

Peter Kovler started to cough. "O, I really hate this! Can I spit it out?" Peter's father is president of the Jim Beam Bourbon Company in Chicago. "My father is always talking about wine. I decided to take this course to do him one better."

To clear palates, a plate of Cantal cheese sandwiches on rough country bread baked by Follanc was passed around. Everyone was crazy about the sandwiches.

"For 15 francs you can eat all the cheese you want at Androuet on the Rue d'Amsterdam," volunteered Marilyn. Hailing from the wine-producing Napa Valley in California, she made her a natural candidate for the course.

Susan Gray and Nancy Garriky are both so interested in cooking that they joined up, feeling they should know wine.

They wanted to know if cheap wines were the proper choice for cooking.

Winroth scotched this poverty of approach. "The better the wine, the better and richer the sauce." For the ultimate finesse, he advised using the same wine in the sauce as the one served at table.

A Written Test

To get into the course, the six students had taken a written test on Alexis Lichine's "Wines of France." The preliminary quiz was to discourage the lasses who might have signed up for the free wine. All Winroth's observations were dutifully noted in his loose-leaf notebooks.

To acquaint the class with the bad and the ugly, the glasses were filled with a Beaujolais Villages bought at the supermarket across the street. The sputtering was unanimous and approved.

Paula Oberlander, whose parents in New York are partial to Moselle and Rhine wines, said: "What an awful smell. I don't even want to taste it."

Winroth urged her to develop her sense of comparison. He was indignant that these bottled drops were selling for 525 francs (96 cents).

"It's green. It looks the side of the mouth. I'm amazed that the name Beaujolais Villages is even on the label. Always beware of fancy labels and odd-shaped bottles. This was bottled in Pantin."

"Why, that's right in Paris," exclaimed Paula.

He now produced a bottle of the Beaujolais Villages, which is one of the star sellers of the Rallie, upstairs.

"It was excellent. 'Nine-tenths of its charm,' said Winroth, 'is that you can drink it so early. It has a terrific, fruity, fresh taste.'

At 630 francs (\$113) a bottle, it seemed dirt cheap alongside the rotgut from across the street.

Some of the kids asked for a second pouring.

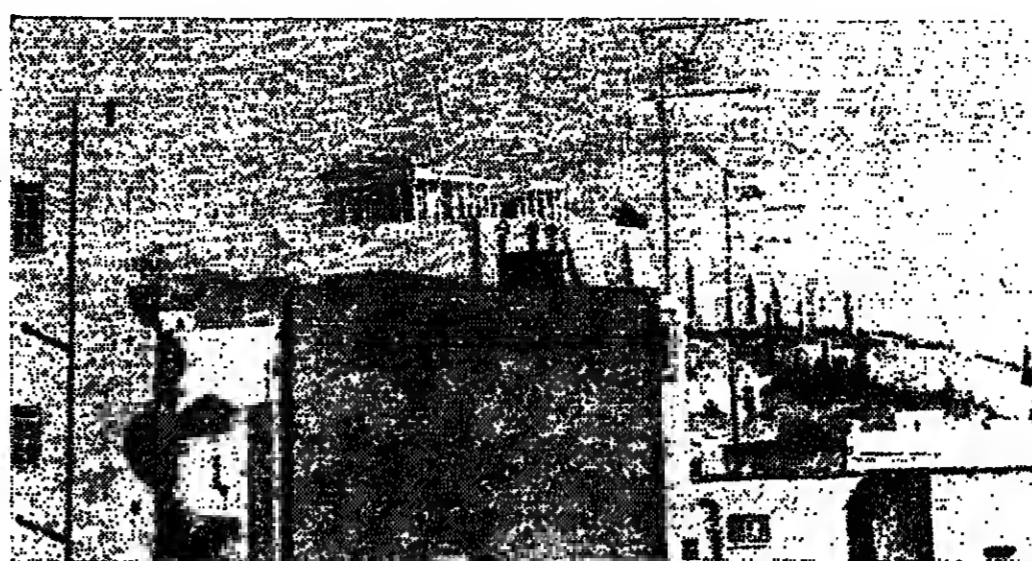
There were more sandwiches, this time filled with ham from the Ardèche. Bernard Férat's Bar Rallie was given an A-1 rating on the sandwiches.

A Brouilly '69 is another Rallie specialty.

"I learned about it here," said Winroth enthusiastically. "It's great with steaks and roast lamb. My wife served it with a *saucé d'agneau*. I've never had a combination more perfect in any restaurant."

At the end of the course, Winroth plans to put the group through a number bottle test, asking them to identify the different wines. Everybody groaned.

"You'll do better than you think," he assured them.



Detail of "Television Aerials and the Parthenon" by Spiros Vassiliou.

Art In London: Italian Masters Aid a Museum

By Max Wykes-Joyce

LONDON, March 10.—The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford has one of the richest collections in Britain but it is one of the most impoverished of institutions.

In an attempt to improve its economic situation, a group called the Friends of Ashmolean has been formed. Its first London enterprise was to mount an exhibition of Italian drawings from the Ashmolean at the Wildenstein Gallery, 147 New Bond St.

Among the 75 works in the show are fine examples of Bellini, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Titian, Raphael, Andrea del Sarto, Carracci, Bernini, Tiepolo, Canaletto and Guardi. All this and much more for the three-shilling (36 cents) entry price which goes to the museum.

Barbara Hepworth is among

the world's top ten sculptors—if one must play that kind of rating game with artists. Her exhibition of recent work fills both the Marlborough galleries, the Fine Art, 39 Old Bond St. and the New London, 17-18 Old Bond St.

Sculpture, oils, screen prints and lithographs are all here and demonstrate what all the best artists have always known, that they must use many media and forms. Though each has a preferred medium, he will nevertheless experiment ceaselessly.

I have always thought of Dame Barbara as essentially a carver rather than a modeler. The strength of the carvings in wood or stone lies in the sculptor's expressing the emotions and ideas of natural growth and decay in uncompromisingly abstract terms.

What is more exciting is to find that this recent work is

better than ever and that Hepworth is a landscape sculptor in the same way one speaks of a landscape painter. The essentials are extracted from a scene and transmuted into a visual, esthetic and intellectual experience.

It is this kind of thing which the Greek painter Spyros Vassiliou attempts in his "Greco: City Moments and Country Walks," a new exhibition at the Upper Grosvenor Galleries, 19 Upper Grosvenor St. However, he only sometimes succeeds.

Technically he is an excellent painter. Perhaps the difficulty lies in the fact that he is also a notable theater and film designer. Too often the theatricality of the situation overcomes calm contemplation. But where, as in the painting of a moonlit city seen through a window, he does succeed, he succeeds magnificently.

Theater in Paris

Strindberg's Misogyny at the TNP

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

PARIS, March 10.—Half the world's drama is about people who are desperately trying to get married or people who are desperate because they are married. The master delineator of the latter is indisputably August Strindberg, who, having married three times, could never think of anything sufficiently derogatory to say about the popular institution.

In several of his plays Strindberg pictured woman as the fiend incarnate, using his marital experiences as source material. Such hysterical romanticism was in vogue in the 1890s, and as one sees "The Dance of Death" (now being given a re-

prise at the Théâtre National Populaire) his frantic exaggeration is chillingly persuasive.

Strindberg wrote about the love-hate relationship before Freud studied it and in "The Dance of Death" he has given it its most searching and proud realization in the theater. One senses the presence of greatness from the start as the embittered old army captain and the wife who detests him so implacably converse together in the parlor of some lonely island outpost.

At the TNP, Claude Regy, usually an alert and imaginative director, has not served this extraordinary drama with customary resourcefulness. He has been unable to suggest in his production the fire that smolders under the surface at all times.

The acting is partially blunted in the Paris production. Alain Cuny, whose makeup makes him look like the portrait of the author in the program, as the acrimonious captain, seems to have mistaken the event for a revival of "Tête d'Or" and speaks the realistic lines with such poetic vocalizing that one expects that Maria Casarès, as his venomous *frun*, will sarcastically reprimand him for this affectation.

Nor are the open spaces of the Palais de Chaillot the ideal site for a chamber play. A black shell has been built wherein is found the captain's sitting room. This produces a strange visual angle. The action appears to be taking place at the other end of a long, dark tunnel.

A Herculean Cult In German Theater

By Betty Falkenberg

FRANKFURT.—Hercules has come to town, in the wake, one might say, of Dionysus (witness the many "Bacchae" revivals and "Dionysus in '69"). Both are perfect heroes for today, at once phallic and effeminate, ancient priests of a new cult of transvestism.

Peter Hacks's new play, "Omphale," which opened last week in Frankfurt, was originally to have been shown on the same bill with two other Hercules, one by the East German playwright Heiner Müller, and one by East-German Lange, an emigrant from the East to West Berlin. At the last minute, bowing to political pressures, Müller asked that his play not be given on the same evening with Lange's as Lange is regarded as a traitor in the East. So, dishing out justice, tit for tat, the theater decided not to perform either Müller or Lange. A pity all around, as the three plays would have made a fascinating triptych. Müller's "Hercules" deals with his fifth labor, the cleaning out of the Augean stables; Lange's, the most sinister and political of the lot, with the murder of Iphitus; and Hacks's, as the title indicates, with Hercules's enslavement by the Lydian queen, Omphale.

Hacks, one of the most gifted playwrights of East Germany, is known as a Brecht epigone. Born in Munich, he went to East Berlin in the '50s to study with Brecht. But more and more he is coming into his own. Hacks's Hercules has his 12 labors behind him. He has learned to take himself in his stride. He is even given to introspection. "I want to lose myself. No, with every club-stroke conquered monster, I become more clearly me. With every club stroke, I say a possibility within myself."

After the murder of Iphitus, Hercules, one may recall, was taken to Asia and sold to Omphale as a slave. He was prized by her more as a lover than as a fighter. And, now we learn, no wonder. Like Zeus in Hacks's "Amphitryon," the god-lover breaks down the barriers of human convention to become, by paradox, more human still. "Now," says Hercules, "I would be more than I am; more than a man." A woman.

Ovid and Others

This role reversal is, in itself, of course, not new with Hacks. We have it on good authority. Ovid and others, that Hercules was "combed and manicured by Omphale's maids, while she dressed up in his lion pelt and wielded his club and bow" (Robert Graves). However, the motivation, the probing insatiable

hility of love, is Hacks's own; and Hercules's anti-heroic stance is entirely modern.

During Hercules's sojourn in Lydia, the shepherd Daphnis bids him rescue his beloved Pimelia, held as slave by the terrible Lityerses, a monster farmer whose foul breath unleashes plagues, and who beheads his guests and eats them.

Reluctant to break off his love-making, and still dressed in Omphale's robes, Hercules makes off to the fields of Lityerses. Omphale, in lion pelt and flowing mane, follows on his heels. At the very moment when Lityerses's head is severed by Hercules, lo and behold, Omphale gives birth to three sons, Agelaus, Laomedon and Tyrrhenus, who emerge full grown from her womb.

And so the play ends, in a new beginning. The Heraclids, played by Hercules in the womb of Omphale, are the new-born hopes of a better world, just as the club which has served Hercules in battle is thrust back into the earth, "that murderous tool," branch of the olive, to take root and grow again.

Episodic Scenes

The play is compounded of amusing episodic scenes, with wise and witty aperçus sprinkled throughout. When Lityerses, a cross between a Bruegel peasant and a Bosch monster, takes out his zither and begins to sing, the frightening proximity of brutality and sentimentality is driven home—by way of laughs. And when Hercules returns from battle, holding the fiend's head limply by the beard, he says deprecatingly, "Here's what's left of your enemy. Monsters aren't what they used to be. The winners aren't as cold as they once were, either."

All in all, "Omphale" makes its points without being pretentious. Performed by a more spirited company, it could be really far-out fun.

In Frankfurt, the fun was spoiled by a phlegmatic cast and dull direction. It hardly paid to have the pair exchange clothes. Hercules gained an insight here and there in his female garb, but Omphale was as insipid as a man as she had been as a woman.

Amusingly effete was Daphnis, and his pale Pimelia, flayer people of a hygone age. The best performance, if a bit gross, was that of the monstrous Lityerses, played by Michael Habeck, laughing his obscene laugh and breathing pestilence into the air.

Who knows? Hacks may be the herald of a wild new Hercules cult.

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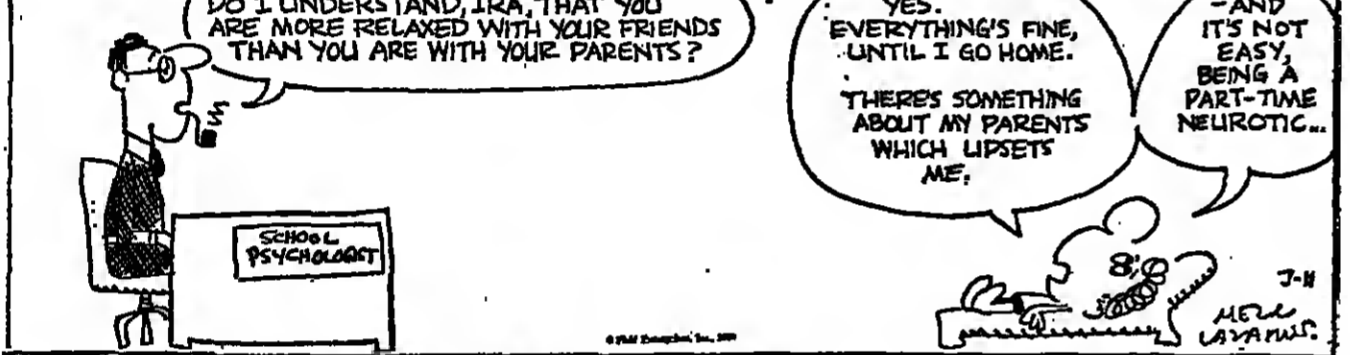
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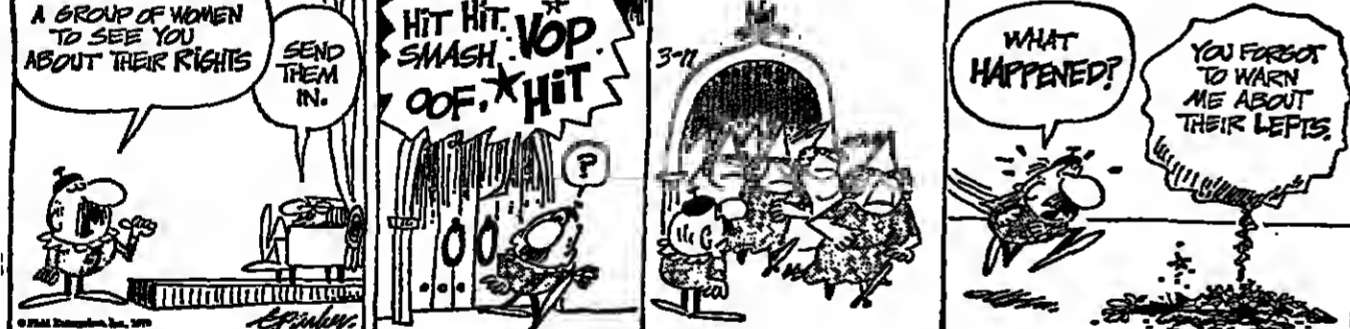
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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

The lead of a singleton against a slam contract in a suit is a double-edged venture. The slight chance that the lead may produce an immediate ruff for the defense must be offset against the possibility that a queen or a jack in the hand of the other defender will be trapped.

On the diagrammed deal played recently in Ireland the singleton lead unexpectedly proved a triumph for an entirely negative reason.

North had a bidding problem when West opened preemptively with three clubs. His three no-trump overall was something of an underbid, but it is not clear that the alternative of a double would have been more effective.

South's bid of four no-trump was ambiguous. Most experts would consider it a quantitative raise inviting six no-trump rather than a Blackwood bid inquiring about aces. Whatever South's intentions, North decided that he might as well show his ace since he had a hand containing reserve strength. If the four no-trump bid was intended quantitatively, no harm would be done.

South decided to settle in six diamonds, a doubtful choice. The suit slam might easily have been defeated by an immediate club ruff, but as it happened the alternative of six no-trump would have been more difficult.

West led his singleton heart against six diamonds, hoping faintly that his partner would produce the heart ace. As it happened the heart lead had no positive advantage, but it had a negative one: South was given no clue to the position of the club ace.

South misplayed the hand at great speed. He won the first trick with the ace of hearts, drew trump, and continued hearts. He ruffed dummy's fourth heart and led a club to the king. When East produced the club ace the slam was one down for South still had to lose a club to West.

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♦ 5 ♦ 43
♣ J108765 ♣ A

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North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:
West 3♣ 3NT Pass East 4NT
Pass 5♣ Pass 6♣
West led the heart two.

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South led the heart two.

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By Corey Ford. Little, Brown, 366 pp. \$8.50. Reviewed by David Wise

DRIVE out to CIA headquarters at Langley, Va. Walk across the huge floor of seal set in the marble floor of the lobby. Turn right in the big main corridor and you will see it—a large oil painting of Gen. William Joseph Donovan hanging with the other portraits in a sort of Intelligence Hall of Fame. Certainly it deserves to be there, for "Wild Bill" Donovan was, for better or worse, the father of the CIA.

As director of the wartime Office of Strategic Services, Donovan (Number 108) circled the globe carrying his K-capsule "of deadly poison" to be swallowed if he fell into enemy hands. He rode ashore with fellow OSS operative David Bruce at Normandy; he was with the first wave at Anzio; he flew 100 miles into Japan, accompanied territory in Burma to visit an OSS detachment. He was all over the place, directing a kaleidoscope assortment of scholars and killers, analysts and spies, socialists and saboteurs, scientists and oddballs—an organization that by the end of World War II had 30,000 persons and a budget of \$71 million a year, which, like CIA's funds today, could be secretly spent outside normal accounting procedures.

Corey Ford, who died last year a few days after he had finished this book, wisely states at the outset that it does not "pretend to be a complete history of the Office of Strategic Services." It is not; but Ford, who knew Donovan and served with him in the OSS, does add a wealth of detail and a fuller portrait of Donovan than the one that hangs in the main corridor at Langley. In doing so, the author had access to the personal diaries and files of Gen. Donovan through his widow, assistance from many of the OSS director's wartime associates, and from "Walter Florkheimer of Washington, D.C.," who is not identified as a top-level CIA official.

Although "Donovan of OSS" is wholly unpretentious of both the man and the organization he led, it is never dull for Donovan's life was anything but dull. He was an elusive but gallant and tough-minded man who succeeded in outwitting several ordinary lifetimes into one.

He had an unlikely background for someone who was to lead an organization that would become (like the successor, CIA) with Establishment WASPs and Groucho graduates. Donovan was the son of Irish immigrants, from County Cork, born in Buffalo on the "wrong side of the tracks," which his father literally supervised as head of the railroad yards. There were other anomalies: the World War I hero who had wanted to be a Roman Catholic priest; the handsome ladies' man who never smoked or drank; the nickname "Wild Bill," although Donovan was gentle in manner and soft-spoken; a politician manque, who of all times chose 1932, Franklin Roosevelt's year, to run for governor of New York as a Republican.

The first half of Donovan's career evokes every cinematic cliché of World War I: the Co-

lumbia Law School graduate and guard officer who goes to the top with New York's Fighting 6888; Father Duffy at the front; Donovan, shot in the leg, dismissed it as "a clean wound" in a note to his wife but wins the Congressional Medal of Honor. Oh! What a Lovely War! for those who returned.

Donovan's second career as pure James Bond; FDR patched him to England where he got a look at M16, British secret intelligence, and SOE, counterpart for special operations. On his return in 1941, recommended to Roosevelt to establish the United States' own intelligence agency, both intelligence agencies at cloak-and-dagger agency of this recommendation of OSS.

Setting up shop at 36th and E Streets, across from what now the new State Department building, Donovan recruited diverse group: William L. Langer of Harvard, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Robert Sherwood, David Bruce, Joe Goldberger, Arthur Goldberg, Joe Ford, Sterling Hayden, John B. Donovan, John Ringling North—even Ralph Bunch-Dillon Ripley, the Chi Minh in John Birch tolled for OSS.

Some, like Allen Dulles, Richard Helms, Sherman Kent, and Larry Houston, stayed on as moved into the CIA after creation in 1949. But others, like Walt Rostow, Carl Kaye and many more fanned out in the academic world and in corporations and foundations. Many were there (may we say agents-in-place?) when CIA needed them to set up fronts in the great universities and their foundation conditions.

The OSS "old boy" network still is very much with us. OSS and E Street is where All began. No less an authority than George Bushy assumes, "a curious fact of academic history, that the first great center of area studies in the United States was not located in an university, but in Washington during the Second World War in the Office of Strategic Services."

Bill Donovan remains, in a word, an enigmatic figure, a "essential loneliness" and a "vast inner reserve." He was a dedicated, brave, and yet, his successors in Virginia, all also dedicated men. But not elected by the people. If on Roosevelt, had not announced his policy of unconditional surrender, Dulles and OSS Gen. B. would have been dead. What things up in Italy and perhaps the Russians wouldn't have kept interfering and getting in the way of the operators. Intelligence knows best. They are all, dedicated, honorable men, even the ones who led Kennedy into the Bay of Pigs in 1961, but with an elitist devotion and a mistrust of the government who, after all, wouldn't understand. So why, ask, did he do it? Is there a lesson here somewhere for today, in Laos?

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CROSSWORD

By Will Wells

- ACROSS
- 1 Make love.
 - 7 Fidel's former friend.
 - 10 Gym equipment.
 - 12 Prefix meaning prickly.
 - 14 Elective.
 - 15 Gallic friend.
 - 16 Intricate.
 - 17 Insurance, as of money.
 - 19 Dad's chair.
 - 21 Press agency.
 - 22 Son-in-law of Mohammed.
 - 24 Principle.
 - 25 Fully Lat.
 - 26 Devotion.
 - 28 German article.
 - 29 Places for cases.
 - 30 Ginsberg and others.
 - 32 See dog.
 - 34 Bard of the restless set.
 - 36 See nymph.
 - 37 Stripes.
 - 41 Recalls in a way.
 - 44 Ash's companion.
 - 46 Brokers' abbreviations.
- DOWN
- 1 Little Edward.
 - 2 Wood sorrel.
 - 3 "OK Time and."
 - 4 Wood with high and handsome.
 - 5 Violent Ball.
 - 6 Used the dice.
 - 7 Halley's, for one.
 - 8 Long-run musical.
 - 9 City transit lines.
 - 10 U.S. author.
 - 11 Quantity.
 - 12 Traces.
 - 14 Opening of a sort.
 - 15 Stretches the budget.
 - 16 Existing Lat.
 - 18 Climber's milieu.
 - 20 Windy City area.
 - 22 Trees of East Indies.
 - 23 Outer garment.
 - 24 Second-century date.
 - 25 Dutch painter.
 - 27 "When day."
 - 28 Pausing sounds.
 - 29 Governor of a province.
 - 30 Thin.
 - 31 Founded: Abbe.
 - 32 Soup-can painter.
 - 33 Philippine port.
 - 34 Relative of a quonset.
 - 35 Second compound.
 - 36 Soul.
 - 37 Mideastern peninsula.
 - 38 Moroccan.
 - 39 Homeless.
 - 40 MONTY.
 - 41 Wages.
 - 42 Stanzas.

